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Subject: Interesting testimony by Dorothee Saar, Head of transport and air quality, Deutsche Umwelthilfe (DUH)

Ms Dorothee Saar, Head of transport and air quality, Deutsche Umwelthilfe (DUH), told Members of the European Parliament's EMIS inquiry committee today that her organization had already in 2011 informed the German Transport Ministry of test results of a VW Passat (Euro 6) that showed a wide divergence between official test cycle NOx emissions and real world emissions. At the time, DUH told the Ministry they suspected the use of illegal defeat devices. German authorities told them they were aware of the discrepancies, but took no action.

The attached document reflects what was said at the hearing today, showing that the DUH on many occasions informed (German) authorities of the discrepancies, but these never resulted in any action.

The second part of the morning session was taken up by the hearing of Pascoe Sabido and Olivier Hoedeman of Corporate Europe Observatory, a Brussels-based NGO. They primarily focused on the privileged access the car industry seems to have to EU officials. They claimed that even though internal EU Commission guidelines stipulate that minutes of all meetings should be recorded, the Commission was unable to provide minutes of several meetings with car

manufacturers. They also called for more transparency in the comitology process, for example with regard to the proceedings in the Technical Committee of Motor Vehicles (TCMV).

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